

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 3 as follows:

3. (once amended) A filter assembly, comprising:  
a core at least partially defining a plurality of chambers and a storage chamber, wherein the plurality of chambers are adjacent the storage chamber;  
a filter media having a first plurality of pleats and a second plurality of pleats, wherein the first plurality of pleats adjoin the second plurality of pleats, the first plurality of pleats are distributed over the plurality of chambers, and the second plurality of pleats are more compactly stored in the storage chamber; and  
wherein the core includes a generally rectangular frame comprising a first pair of frame members that are substantially parallel to each other and a second pair of frame members that are substantially perpendicular to the first pair of frame members, wherein the saw tooth rack is pivotally coupled to the frame.

Please rewrite claim 16 as follows:

16. (once amended) A filter assembly, comprising:  
a core that includes a generally rectangular frame that defines an airflow opening therethrough, the core further includes a saw tooth rack having a plurality of peaks and valleys which at least partially define a plurality of chambers and a storage chamber, wherein the storage chamber is adjacent the plurality of chambers;  
a filter media having a first plurality of pleats and a second plurality of pleats, wherein the first plurality of pleats adjoin the second plurality of pleats, the first plurality of pleats extend across the airflow opening and are distributed over the plurality of chambers, and the second plurality of pleats are stored in the storage chamber adjacent the airflow opening.

Please rewrite claim 34 as follows:

34. (once amended) A method of inserting a filter media into a core having a plurality of chambers and a storage chamber, the method comprising:

folding the filter media to create a first plurality of pleats and a second plurality of pleats;

inserting the first plurality of pleats in the plurality of chambers;

inserting the second plurality of pleats in the storage chamber, wherein the second plurality of pleats are more tightly folded than the first plurality of pleats;

wherein the core includes a generally rectangular frame to which an end plate is pivotally attached, and further comprising pivoting the end plate into engagement with the filter media; and

wherein the core includes a saw tooth rack that helps define the plurality of chambers, and further comprising pivoting the saw tooth rack relative to the frame.